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The following correspondence relating to this application is enclosed for filing:

1. Preliminary Amendment (2 pages).

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Prior to examination, please add the following claims:

In the Claims

8. A purified antibody having specific binding affinity for a purified human erythropoietin receptor polypeptide, said polypeptide consisting essentially of about amino acid 25 to about amino acid 250 of the full length human erythropoietin receptor protein, wherein said polypeptide is unglycosylated and capable of binding human erythropoietin.

An immunoassay composition comprising:

- (a) a solid phase reagent; and
- (b) an antibody of claim 8 operably coupled to said reagent.

10. A method for obtaining an antibody having specific binding affinity for a purified human erythropoietin receptor polypeptide, said polypeptide consisting of about amino acid 25 to about amino acid 250 of the full length human erythropoietin receptor protein (SEQ ID NO:5), wherein said polypeptide is unglycosylated, said method comprising contacting a non-human

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